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1. PRAVDA OCTOBER 11 REPORTS DEPARTURE ASAD PARTY OCTOBER 11 FOR SYRIA, AFTER "NEGOTIATIONS" WITH BREZHNEV, PODGORNYY, KOSYGIN, GROMYKO

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GRECHKO AND SOVIET DAMASCUS AMBASSADOR MUKHITDINOV AND KREMLIN LUNCHEON AT WHICH BREZHNEV AND ASAD EXCHANGED (UNPRINTED) "FRIENDLY" TOASTS. ACCORDING REPORT, NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE "IN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP, CORDIALITY AND FULL MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING." PERHAPS IN DERERENCE TO BREZHNEV PARTICIPATION, REPORT EMPHASIZES PARTY FUNCTIONS OF SYRIAN DELEGATES, LISTING ASAD'S PARTY TITLE FIRST. SYRIANS WERE SEEN OFF AT AIRPORT BY BREZHNEV,
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PODGORNYY, GROMYKO AND GRECHKO.

2. ACCORDING PRAVDA, DURING NEGOTIATIONS TWO SIDES DISCUSSED SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST AND ITS INFLUENCE ON INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN GENERAL AND EMPHASIZED DETERMINATION TO DO EVERYTHING THAT DEPENDS ON THEM TO "ESTABLISH AND SECURE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE ARAB STATES, THE ARAB PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE." LEADERS ALSO DECLARED "THEIR UNALTERED WILL FURTHER TO STRENGTHEN FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN BOTH STATES AND BETWEEN THEIR PEOPLE. IN THIS CONNECTION IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT NO ONE WILL BE PERMITTED TO SHAKE OR DAMAGE (THAT FRIENDSHIP)."

3. COMMENT: THERE IS NO PUBLIC SIGN IN REPORT THAT LEBANESE SITUATION DISCUSSED, BUT PALESTINIANS WERE, AND IN CONTEXT OF BROAD INTERNATIONAL RAMIFICATIONS OF MIDEAST SITUATION, SO WE MUST ASSUME PLO PARTICIPATION IN FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS CAME UP. AND, SINCE THE TALKS, FOR ALL THEIR "FRIENDLY CORDIALITY", LED ONLY TO "FULL MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING" RATHER THAN THE "FULL UNITY OF VIEWS ON ALL QUESTIONS DISCUSSED" WHICH WOULD NORMALLY CHARACTERIZE AGREEMENT, WE ALSO ASSUME SOVIETS ARE CONTINUING TO KEEP THEIR OPTIONS OPEN. MAIN SUBSTANCE OF TALKS WAS CLEARLY POLITICAL, BUT GRECHKO'S CONSTANT ATTENDANCE WOULD STILL SUGGEST ARMS HAD SIGNIFICANT PLACE ON AGENDA. WE WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION WE CAN DEVELOP HERE. END COMMENT. STOESEL

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